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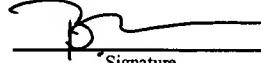
Atty. Dkt. No: 5681-52900
Application No: 09/995,226
Inventor(s):
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Title: A Connector For Electrically
Coupling One or More Devices
In a Processor-Based System

Examiner: Abrams, Neil
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2002.
Applicants also respectfully Request Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 9, and 12. Please add claims 30-35 and amend claims 1,
2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A processor-based system, comprising:
a first board;
a second board; and
a first connector coupled to the first board, comprising:

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